

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

searching contents of a plurality of data storage media of a client device for pre-selected data, the client device being an independent personal computing device; and
upon detecting at least a portion of the pre-selected data on any one of the plurality of data storage media of the client device, sending a notification of detection of the pre-selected data to a server system via a network.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

upon detecting at least a portion of the pre-selected data, preventing access to the detected data.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the content is searched periodically.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the content is searched when the client device is disconnected from the network.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein sending a notification comprises:

upon detecting the pre-selected data, creating a message containing the notification of the detection of the pre-selected data;
placing the message in a transmission queue; and
transmitting the message to the system server after the client device is re-connected to the system server.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving instructions defining a scope of a search for the client device from the ~~system~~
server.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein searching contents of a plurality of data storage media within a client device comprises:
receiving an abstract data structure associated with the pre-selected data; and
utilizing the abstract data structure when searching the contents of the plurality of data storage media of the client device for the pre-selected data.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein searching contents of a plurality of data storage media of the client device comprises monitoring one or more specific data operations for presence of at least a portion of the pre-selected data.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein at least one of the one or more specific data operations is selected from the group consisting of a file-read, a file-write, a file-update, a read from a removable media device, a write to a removable media device, and access of data stored on any of the plurality of data storage media by a program running on the client device.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the pre-selected data has a tabular format.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the pre-selected data is capable of being re-structured into a tabular format based on relationships among elements of the pre-selected data.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the pre-selected data is maintained by an organization in at least one of a spreadsheet, a flat file, and a database.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the pre-selected data is associated with an abstract data structure comprising a tuple-storage structure derived from the pre-selected data.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the abstract data structure comprises a plurality of tuples, each of the plurality of tuples including a row numbers of a data item in a corresponding cell of a tabular structure of the pre-selected data.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein each of the plurality of tuples additionally includes a column number and optionally a column type of the data item in the corresponding cell.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of data storage media is selected from the group consisting of a main memory, a static memory, and a mass storage memory.
17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein searching contents of a plurality of data storage media comprises:

searching content of each volatile storage device within the plurality of data storage media; and

searching content of each persistent storage device within the plurality of data storage media.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 further comprising detecting use of the pre-selected data by an application running on the client device.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
identifying the application using the pre-selected data; and
reporting the identified application.

20. (Currently Amended) An client device apparatus comprising:
means for searching contents of a plurality of data storage media of a client device for pre-selected data, the client device being an independent personal computing device; and
means for sending a notification of detection of the pre-selected data from the client device to a server system via a network upon detecting at least a portion of the pre-selected data on any one of the plurality of data storage media of the client.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the content is searched periodically.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the content is searched when the client device is disconnected from the network.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein means for sending a notification comprises:

means for creating a message containing the notification of the detection of the pre-selected data upon detecting the pre-selected data;

means for placing the message in a transmission queue; and

means for transmitting the message to the system server after the client device is re-connected to the system server.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 20 further comprising:

means for receiving instructions defining a scope of a search for the client device from the system server.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein means for searching contents of a plurality of data storage media of the client device comprises means for monitoring one or more specific data operations for presence of at least a portion of the pre-selected data.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein at least one of the one or more specific data operations is selected from the group consisting of a file-read, a file-write, a file-update, a read from a removable media device, a write to a removable media device, and access of data stored on any of the plurality of data storage media by a program running on the client device.

27. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the plurality of data storage media is selected from the group consisting of a main memory, a static memory, and a mass storage memory.

28. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein means for searching contents of a plurality of data storage media comprises:

means for searching content of each volatile storage device within the plurality of data storage media; and

means for searching content of each persistent storage device within the plurality of data storage media.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28 further comprising means for detecting use of the pre-selected data by an application running on the client device.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 29 further comprising:

means for identifying the application using the pre-selected data; and

means for reporting the identified application.

31. (Currently Amended) A client device comprising:

a plurality of storage media storing various data for the client device, the client device being an independent personal computing device; and

at least one processor coupled to the plurality of storage media, at least one processor executing a set of instructions which cause the processor to search contents of the plurality of data storage media for pre-selected data, and to send a notification of detection of the pre-

selected data from the client device to a ~~system~~ server via a network upon detecting at least a portion of the pre-selected data on any of the plurality of storage media.

32. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed on a processor cause the processor to perform a method comprising:

searching contents of a plurality of data storage media of a client device for pre-selected data; and

upon detecting at least a portion of the pre-selected data, sending a notification of detection of the pre-selected data to a server via a network..